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means of one more operation of the horrible Slavery exists, work is degradation for the free. Now and then, natures peculiarly well constituted might rise from the slough. But, in such a social state, a prodigiously-powerful influence holders that is, the great majority of free people in the slaveholding States-lazy, reckless, ecapable, vicious, and servile.

endent action or thought, they have no poother of those who have stepped forward from the slaveholding ranks to claim, by cunning or

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tween non-slaveholding and slaveholding voters WASHINGTON, D. C.

in the United States was as twenty or thirty to In the following year, that of the admission of Texas, the high offices of the Government had, since the foundation of the Govern-ment, been distributed among the two classes of citizens, in proportions of which the follow-

Non-slaveholders. Slaveholde Presidents - - 4 terms. 12 terms Judges of the Supreme Attorney Generals - 5 " Presidents of the Senate pro tem. - - 16 Foreign Ministers - 54 "

Nothing could be more material to the ad vancement of the Slave Power than the exten compact and well-organized aristocracy, band-ed together by an esprit de corps, which gave slave States within the Union. In the year immense force and directness to their joint ac- when the Missouri Compromise was forced tion. Their non-slaveholding neighbors kept lished her independence of Old Spain. In 1824, she decreed a prospective manumission of slaves. In 1829, she followed it by a law of immediate and unconditional emancipation, which Texas, one of her provinces, presently after took measures to execute within her own

By appliances from within and from without. that which she has more recently exhibited, by the apprehension of having freedom established so near her borders. A writer (always un gued: 1. The importance of providing new se-curities for the slave interest in the national councils: 2. The necessity of opening a new field for slave cultivation, and a new market and ignorant non-slaveholder lost his remaining chance of becoming anything better, by and our diplomacy with her proceeded to deal in threats as well as blandishments. But she means of one more operation of the horrible system. Labor was despoiled of dignity. Where or by Mr. Butler, his successor. In 1830, she began to be approached in a more effective way. President Jackson's friend, Gen. Houston, formerly Governor of Tennessee, went to Texas, and a Louisiana paper announced that he "had gone to raise a revolution," and that was at work to make the mass of non-slave- its readers might expect "shortly to hear of his raising his flag." The approved filibustering machinery, civil and military, was presently going. In December, 1835, about ninety persons, not pretending to be delegated for such a service, and all but two of them bearing Amermen have created and maintain the Oligarchy, which grinds them even more impudently than it insults and convesses us. Sedulously using at a place called Washington, and sent out a more formal declaration, subscribed by fortyly versed in, by an instinct of its nature, it ca-ioles and intimidates them, by turns; it buys in natives. President Jackson ordered General their good-will by little kindnesses and conde- Gaines over the frontier, to keep watch upon the scensions; it talks loudly the language of their Indians. Volunteers, collected by public advertisements in the newspapers of the Southern senseless prejudices; it plays on the pipe of cities, joined Houston's standard. In April,

ROSA AND HER SUITORS. A TALE OF SWEDISH DOMESTIC LIFE.

TRANSLATED BY ELBERT PERCE.

A Glance at the Past and the Present. We will now skip over a year and a half

votion to the Slave Power Oligarchy was ab- look into the newly repaired school-house, situsolutely beyond suspicion. The Representatives ated in one of the best streets of the town, and school-room, where a noisy hum of reading his walk, and every token amounced that his segislatures proceeding from such a constitu-

Suddenly, however, and loud enough to be mands allied strength. Everywhere, as- heard over half the town, a voice exclaims-"Mr. Rector, it has struck twelve."

The Rector looks at his watch, finds that the tors, and so on, must have earned its good- ter impressing upon their minds the propriety ance to you." of reading over the rules of syntax, regarding the genitive, and admonishing them not to

In a moment, all the boys were up, scraped their feet and bobbed their heads simultanelionery, and sundries. And so it comes ously, and hastened down the steps into the pass that there is no village-corner so remote street, where they dispersed. Mannerstedt lookis not in vigorous activity. In the North the school-room, opened the doors leading into ized to do its work. Its hirelings throw entered a charming little library, and last of the eyes of their well-meaning neigh- all the sleeping apartment, where he seat- Ferdinand's and Rosa's society was to him. ment, he stated his wishes, with all the ease

me caution is suggested by the Di- alone? What cause have I not to congratuors of the Bank, if it would be convenient late myself-when, more than two years ago, n to have a discount of a business note; I bade her farewell, in that sanctuary to which as the exchanges, has itself sank into Then I had no idea that I should so soon stand

"Scarce a year atter 1 nau graduated, 1 received vicariat of my present station, and, after discharging its duties for ten months, my prinarchy its nowers and gave it a great less are promoted to pastor, and I became his are highly as promoted to pastor, and I became his are highly as promoted to pastor, and I became his as the capital result of long contrivance (some discharging its duties for ten months, my prinarchy its nowers, and gave it a great less of the daily visits which, during this time, she learned to love and extern vour color—to France, or to some other for place, where we lived several year atter 1 nau graduated, 1 received vicariat of my present station, and, after it would, I confess, rejoice my old head, to see you married before I depart hence. I should be glad to have another daughter about me, be glad to have another daughter about me, vour color—to France, or to some other for place, where we lived several year atter 1 nau graduated, 1 received vicariat of my present station, and, after it would, I confess, rejoice my old head, to see you married before I depart hence. I should be glad to have another daughter about me, vour color—to France, or to some other for place, where we lived several year. say to the means of future security and enems of future security and security securi

fortable, and praise my taste for having, with and at every visit I felt it growing warmer tere, such small means, prepared so much? However, when she comes, and has arranged all,

and he was obliged to leave the house. On such occasions he took refuge in the quiet hurch-yard by his mother's grave, over whose emains he had erected a simple monument. It was sweet to him—the thought of being so as to the most appropriate way of introd cing mear to her whose never-failing love was innear to her whose never-failing love was in-cessantly about his heart, and whose beloved image reposed there upon the sacred blossoms of recollection. He leaned his head upon the old grave-stone, and tears of filial gratitude and love fell down upon the dust of her who had so well and perfectly fulfilled all a mother's

"Ha, do I find you here, my dear Mannerstedt?" said a friendly voice, as a hand was
kindly laid upon the young Rector's shoulder.
It was Counsellor Lifver, who reproached him
kindly for his solitary wanderings, the beneficial and soothing influence of which, on Frank's
feelings, he was not capable of understanding. feelings, he was not capable of understanding. "You sorrow too deeply for your good mother, my boy; let the dead rest in peace. You are hough of trouble and affliction; now, come and eat a quiet dinner with us, while we talk

over some matters which will soon disperse all your sad thoughts." had been to the Town Hall, to hear the decision of an important question in regard to his increase of salary. It had been brought forward several times without success, but to day without first paying my old friend, Professor Ling, a short visit? Will you not go with me? had been to the Town Hall, to hear the decision of an important question in regard to his "Do you know, Caroline, that I am in the

"It was decided to-day by a majority of It is only just across the street." votes," added the old gentleman, greatly pleased; "and so you will now be able to offer your Very thankful, and much affected, Manner-

tedt pressed his old friend's hand. "Oh," said he, "how would my loved mother they tripped together across the way. have blessed you, had she yet lived, and seen how much you have exerted yourself to secure the

form my promise, as you know, my boy. But custom, was lighted, and w how is it? Have you already a wife selected? or, if not, I have a little proposal to make on the "Good evening, dear

it to best with the divine feeling—the only one for whom it will ever beat till life expires."

street? Wait until you can rhapsodize under lock and key. I hope with all my heart you may obtain your prize—and if she is not too fine a lady

him. "She is so unsophisticated, true, and good, that she wins all hearts, and I will come emaining friend of my dear parents." "Well, well, my lad, you will always be wel-

"At. Whitsuntide: and, if God will, I will

man, in a tone of admonition. "You will hardnand's assistance, enveloped in their cloaks, ly have time to come and go by that—plenty of and drove to the grand ball at the town hall.

The same day on which this conversation took

place, Professor Ling was walking slowly across in view, made some casual excuse, and with-the street to the house of his neighbor, the Mer-drew; and Ferdinand, willing to avail himself y got over half the distance, when Captain Ferlinand came running after him-

"Uncle, dearest uncle, why did you go alone?" old man his arm, which he accepted with a benevolent smile, and said-

"Is it you, my boy? I thought you were not

Mr. Widen's, and Rosa will accompany me home. Go, Ferdinand, and remember me to your future parents-in-law, and give Caroline a sent to this alliance. You shall live here with

king place at H---, since our last visit.

After six months of roaming about, Captain Ferdinand returned, composed and cheerful in

fatherly kindness, and Rosa's sisterly affection, worked beneficently upon his heart. Thus had to town, and to his old uncle, who pressed him

to draw near to an end with me; I daily feel same time, Ferdinand's and Caroline's, Rosa's

"I should like to see the girl," said the Pro comfort and happiness will spring up in every corner; and in my heart will dawn a holyday, which will endure through life."

His sensations became too powerful for him,

"Rosa is acquainted with her, and like her very much; we will soon arrange the ms ter." And the Captain was across the street in a moment, in Mr. Widen's house, and soon returned with Rosa. Now came a regular co ncil,

> The coming Christmas held out pron sing opportunities for their wish; and the bs l on the second fete day was selected for the pur-pose, and this was to be the way: Rosa was to nvite Caroline, in her parents' name, to stay

with them during her stay in town. feelings for Ferdinand.

The day came, and with it Caroline, well packed up in a covered sledge, with Ferdi and now at a gay and happy age, and you should as a driver, and her brother as a chaperon. The enjoy life. You have already experienced party alighted at the Merchant Widen's house, where hot coffee was awaiting them. Shortly after, the two girls went to R sa's room to talk over their toilette for the evering;

and when all was complete, and the mirrit re-Mannerstedt was quite willing to accompany flected their pretty persons in all the brilling his old friend; and the latter told him that he of their becoming ball dress, Rosa said, juite

> "Oh no, my dear; that cannot be really," replied Caroline, blushing, but not much displeased at Rosa's persuasions; and the latter played her part so happily, that Caroline at length yielded; and, well wrapped in their cloaks,

The Professor had so arranged it, that he was alone when they arrived, and that Firdiprospects of her darling son."

"Did I not promise your mother on her death-bed that I would do so?" returned the old man; "and I have ever felt bound to percustom, was lighted, and where the old gentle-

"Good evening, dear uncle," said fosa, bject."

allow me to present a young friend of r ine,
"Oh, no, not for the world," entreated ManCaroline Ahlmach. I brought her with the. bowed deep over his hand, and kissed it.

"Why, my dear Frank, are you quite crazy?" ting the young girl's forehead.

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"Caroline blushed deeply. She could not example asked old Lifver, astonished at Mannerstedt's plain to herself the emotion which she fet at spell-bound by an illustrated volume of Shak. ed something, from the refurnishing of the fervor, "or do you not see we are in the public this friendly and familiar greeting of the old

to look upon my house as her home, I will most composure. They sat down; and soon after,

much as to say, "It is all right-it will do!" "Pray do me the honor of a visit to-marrow

bring her home early in August, should all go to have your company at breakfast."

Well—perhaps at midsummer."

The girls gladly promised to come; and,

The following morning, somewhat earlier than the hour at which they were to go to Pro-Rosa, thinking Ferdinand had another aim

The breakfast at the old Professor's, this

As soon as Caroline had left them, he said

way, and in a proper mode, too, as becomes an honest fellow who wishes to marry. You are me, till I die, and then you can make additions "I will not forget it, uncle," rejoined the Cap- to the house; but until then, it must remain tain; and he was soon rolling away out of town as it is. Well, well; time enough to think about Meanwhile, we will relate what has been ta-ng place at H-—, since our last visit.

Liet us talk of mile and concerns us; and, to give your proposals more effect, I will write a few lines to Ahlmack my; that. Let us talk of what most immediately

mind, and healthy in body. From this time his pocket, the Captain started for Branting-forward, he lived with his uncle, who was grow-fors, and, with an important smile, begged for ing continually weaker as he grew older, and a private interview with the Crown Bailiff, asked, bending affectionately over her. every day more sensible how necessary both When they were alone, in the latter's apartall the sleeping apartment, where he seated himself upon the simple sofa, allowed his glance to wander over the different articles the room contained, and at length broke out into the words—

"This is all I have to offer to Rosa. It is not much, to be sure; but, do I not give her to Wallinder arrived, his heart at first beat a ments to the Professor, with the assurance that the same society was to him. Ferdinand's and Rosa's society was to him. Ferdinand's and Rosa's society was to him. Ferdinand had greatly changed, and was now the Professor's pride and happiness, and no son was ever more kind; he loved the old man was now the experienced in the affairs of the man so much experienced in the affairs of the will!" he repeated, in quiet perplexity, for he did not quite comprehend the cause of her excessive emotion. "No will, did you say, was no small recommendation. His reply was as favorable as could have been wished, and his uncle appeared fully sensible of his offorts. When the news of Hilda's engagement to Wallinder arrived, his heart at first beat a ments to the Professor, with the assurance that the cause of her excessive emotion. "No will, did you say, mother?"

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He again became the polite and elegant man of society, the favorite of all the ladies, but he never fell into evil habits. The Professor's orderly and rower did betrothal take place in a more orderly and rower than this. It was fortherly kindness and Ross's sintelly of the committee of the Professor, with the assurance that both himself and his daughter felt highly flat tered and honored by his proposal. This point being settled, mamma and Caroline were called, the young people exchanged the kiss of affiance; and never did betterthal take place in a more orderly and rower did better than this. It was fortherly kindness and Ross's sintelly of the committee of the professor.

But we are forgetting, in our long digres-

For the National Era. THY WILL BE DONE.

And I said a prayer to Heaven-said it, weeping, on my me death long months—thou hast beheld me—I have drawn no

Day or night, sleep cometh never; fiery anguish wrings

Thou who cans't, call Thou my spirit heavenward, from Then a voice rang, sweet and silvery, through the twiligh

like the low tones of an organ, through a church's pictur-Faint at first, and sad, the accents, swelling soon to chi-

Phus it spake: "Years thrice cleven, I the bliss of Heaven

maddened foes: ore it all without a murmur; bore it meekly to the close

Knowest thou for whom enduring? knowest wherefore

Such as thou, O loved, yet faithless! that when freed from stain of sin.

As of old the stormy waters, words of Christ assuaged to rest;
And the peace of God flowed through me, while I prayed

For the National Era.

THE BROTHERS.

BY E. D. E. N. SOUTHWORTH CHAPTER II-Concluded, Valentine was in his master's chamber, sur-"I certainly will not do the first," said Mannerstedt, "for my principles forbid it, heavy ed, except by a white rose, entwined in a wreath shooks, pictures, statuettes, vases, and other overseer, but no word about his being married. nly one that ever touched my heart—she more charmed with her lovely figure, which visits he had made there while residing at the And then he came home by way of New Or the picturesque and beautiful confusion, Valenhe sent up before mm, in charge of an upholsterer, who was to fix it all up. But still speare's plays. It was a new purchase of his house; but I did not, because my heart was so master's, made evidently without his knowledge Rosa, however, with her usual tact, soon master s, made or consent, for it came in a box of books direct succeeded in restoring the embarrassed full to or consent, for it came in a box of books direct be for him when he should come. I afterwards him. Nay, "every mountain now has found a wrong, it is no matter of surprise to surp good, that she wins all hearts, and I will come of Ferdinand's salutation upon Caroline, and and of tissue paper, and merely meant to look so that madam might find me and you when exchanged a look of satisfaction with Roma, as at it before placing it in the bookcase; but that she should come. Well, I don't want to talk single look was fatal to his resolution for indus- any more about this. The afternoon that mas-It was now time to go, and the young people try that morning, for he threw himself back in ter was expected to arrive, I was on the watch. his master's easy chair, and was soon deep in I was standing on the portico, holding you by his master's easy chair, and was soon deep in I was standing on the portico, holding you by the spells of the magic volume. Hour after hour It came up very rapidly, and my heart beat thick the rear." Poor General Scott, with the insapassed, and there he sat, his body in his mas- and fast, as if it would suffocate me. I could ter's lounging chair, surrounded by the beauti- not help it, Valley! When the carriage stoptiful litter of books and pictures, statuettes and ped, my master got out first, and handed vases, flutes, and colian harps and other toys, and out a lady, and led her up the stairs. And host of hunters. I suppose the scarred old in the request of an appropriation to pay an army or a payer to prevent the people of hunters. vases, flutes, and colian harps and other toys, and his spirit enchanted and carried captive by the master magician to attend the fortunes of King madam;" and to me, "Phædra, attend your fessor Ling's, the Captain came to make finquiries how the ladies were after the ball.

The spirit-music, of which his ear was maden; and to me, "Phadra, attend your ries how the ladies were after the ball. still conscious, came not from the colian harp because I was not a fine lady, with fine feelin the window, that vibrated to the touch of the ings: I was only master's poor housekeeper the street to the house of his heighbor, the Merican Chant Widen. He had grown old fast during of the opportunity, discovered his feelings to the last half year, and tottered perceptibly in Caroline, and begged for her affection in return, to which he received a modest affirmative. the grove outside, but from rare English flow- help it. One single glimpse of her great, ers tended by Cordelia, for his soul was not in slack, haughty eyes, and the sight left mine, and I fell, like a tree. You see this scar upon morning, was quite a festival, as he easily conceived how far matters had progressed since the day before. He was, however, too cautious ancient Britain in the age of poetry and fable. America in the nineteenth century, but in my forehead; it was where my head struck the sharp edge of the stone step, when I fell down. And with the kindest attention he offered the to allow this to appear, until Ferdinand should He was aroused from his day-dream by the en. When I came to myself, I was in old Dinah's have, according to regular form, made his aptrance of Phædra, in more excitement than he cabin. You were there too. I was very stupid at the course of the Era, in regard to Know had ever seen her betray. Without a word could not more than half understand old Dispoken, she fell upon his neck, and, clasping nah's mumbled consolations. And I was al-"I was just going out," replied Ferdinand, but I will wait with pleasure to be of assist"Now, my lad, you must make your own sinking down by his side, clasped his knees, master paid me a visit, and stood there, and saked me not to be a fool, and asked me bim closely, burst into tears; then, quickly most as stupid the next morning, when my glad to see the Era bear up so gallantly against

raise her, exclaiming, "Mother! what is the gard for his comfort; but that I had acted

But she clung around his knees, and buried

"Oh, Valentine!" she said, as soon as she shall go mad, if you tell me more."

an, after his fashion—there was no will!" ingly. But many people do not understand or "Well, my dear mother, what of that, that make allowance for others who have naturally any particular "bedstead." On the other hand, man, after his fashion—there was no will!" it should distress you so?" "What of that? Oh, Valley! Valley! what know how I felt"

place—to some place where you would not from that day to this, was only my master's an important post; while it battles manufully,

and was silent for a while-then she spoke: "I know it hurts you. I know it goes to your heart like a knife; but it is true, true as—

"I am very glad you did not, mother, I am

"Will you always say so?" "As I hope to be saved, yes, mother," replied the youth, half smiling, to raise her spirits. "Ah, you think so now. Will you think so in the future?"

"Yes, mother! I will pledge you my word to think no other way forever, if that will satisfy "Yet, oh, Valley! that Spanish woman's dy ing curse! It haunts me now upon this day of the fall of all my hopes for you; it haunts

me, it hangs over me, like a funeral pall! It oppresses and darkens all my soul!" My dear mother, don't be superstitious, if you do inherit a tendency in that direction from both sides of your ancestry. Forget that violent woman's curse; and whatever you do, don't make it fulfil itself, by believing in it. And believe that if any evil befall us, it will

I grew mute with sudden wonder; all my soul was hushed not have come of that angry woman's maledic tion. Why, if I thought that the imprecations of the angry and malignant could bring down curses from Heaven upon the heads of the in nocent, I should turn Pagan, and worship beasts. Besides, as I said before, it was not her, but you, who was injured. And if any one could have had the right to utter maledictions it was you; yet you never did it." "No, Heaven forbid! I took things as a

matter of course; and though my heart was almost broken, I made no complaint, far less ventured on any reproach; for I am sure I thought master would do no great wrong; and I thought he acted much better than his neigh-They on earth with me who suffer, bliss of Heaven with me may win."

bors, when he promised that you should be free, and should go to France, and learn a profession. But he broke that promise. Oh, he broke his pledged word and honor, and the woman's curse is surely falling." 'Think no more of that, mother; she had

no power to curse you.' acted over again on this plantation, only this house for master four years, and you were near house; but I did not, because my heart was so taken up with the thought that master was ily up to heaven, as though he were uttering that made his escape from an arrest on a constaken up with the thought that master was ily up to heaven, as though he were uttering

effect, I will write a few lines to Ahlmack myself.

The next day, with the Professor's letter in

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her hair, "there is no will! although he promised—and I felt sure he'd keep his word—I "Hush! he was not naturally cruel. I never life." never doubted it, because he was an honorable knew him to do a cruel thing wantonly or know-

as that I might have been tempted to take your life and my own, had I seen how this was to

Only as fetters to a hapless life. Yet teach me, Pather, if it is thy will, I never did her harm, in deed, or word, or To say, 'thy will be done;' teach me for the thought. I never deserved it from her, what His little ones, and mine, to wish to live. Teach me to mould their minds for usefulnes ever I deserved from Heaven. It was the old Bible story of Abraham and Sarah and Hagan With noble aspirations fill their souls Nourish the good implanted in their hear was a great deal worse, as I look upon it now, By thy creating hand; and for their sakes though then I thought it was all right hard, hard as it was to bear. I had been keeping ly a year old, when one winter he went to New "Oh, no, not for the world," entreated Mannerstedt; "for me there is but one who can ever be my wife, and if I do not obtain her"—

"You won't go and hang yourself," said the old gentleman, smiling; "but look about you, and find another, like a sensible man."

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"You won't go and hang yourself," said the proached; her full, graceful figure was at ired in a simple white robe, and a blue scarf lightly thrown over her shoulders. Her hair, of g ossy scattered all over the floor. They consisted of well, in the spring, instead of coming home, he sent a message with some directions to the University of Virginia. And in the midst of leans, where he stopped to buy furniture, that ed thy eye in the sunnier days of Summer. ened, and evidently intended-backed up

what I had expected—and told me that I had Astonished and alarmed, Valentine tried to behaved very badly, very badly indeed; that he had hoped I had had more sense, and more re-

given madam such a shock on her first arrival, too, that he did not believe she could ever enmen. her face, and wept as she had never wept be- dure to look upon my face again! that she was women are a great curse, any how, with their "Stop, stop, mother!" gasped the boy,

> She raised her eyes, and looked at him, and grew frightened at his looks. His face was gray, and his features haggard, with the struggle in his bosom. His hand clutched his breast, as if to grapple with some rising demon

"Mother! mother! for Heaven's sake!" at the summit of my wishes. How gacious have not the dispensations of Providence been to and grants and revokes Bank charters.

Thus had to town, and to his old uncle, who pressed him in his arms affectionately, and solemnly promised a year passed away, when, one evening, the old man said to him—

"My dear Ferdinand, things are beginning at his own favorite festival, celebrate, at the summit of my wishes. How gacious have not the dispensations of Providence been to wards me!

Thus had to town, and to his old uncle, who pressed him in his arms affectionately, and solemnly promised old man said to him—

"My dear Ferdinand, things are beginning at his own favorite festival, celebrate, at the faithfully that he would leave you free, and love the day is come; let me finish—finish for my own justification, for at his own favorite festival, celebrate, at the summit of my wishes. How gacious have not the dispensations of Providence been to see that it is own favorite festival, celebrate, at the summit of my wishes. How gacious have not the dispensations of Providence been to see that it is own favorite festival, celebrate, at the summit of my wishes. How gacious have not the dispensations of Providence been to see that it is own favorite festival, celebrate, at the summit of my wishes. How gacious have not the dispensations of Providence been to see that it is own favorite festival, celebrate, at the summit of my wishes. How gacious have not the dispensations of Providence been to see that it is the non-existence of a will so much to neart, the non-existence of a will so much to neart, the non-existence of a will so much to neart, the non-existence of a will so much to the non-existence of a will so much to the neart that I was the summit of my wishes. How gacious have a year passed away, when, one evening, the non-existence of a will so much to neart, the non-existence of a will so the neart that I was the summit of my wishes. How gacious have the neart that I was the neart that I was the neart that I was the neart th

cumstances make. Oh, my Rosa, to see you once more—to be allowed to call you bride before the world, and to lead you home as my wife. It is too much of happiness for one poor wife. It is too wife.

For the National Era. DEATH.

Oh Death, mysterious intruder, where,

Where dost thou gain thy power invincible For thy unpitying claim. We live and love n tendrils of affection; heart with heart Is bound, and kindred spirits realize The blessedness of living for each other. The present is most sweet, the past most dear, Hope paints the future in her choicest bues For thou, of terrors King, with noiseless trend To ravish from our hearth the household God : Phou touchest with thy iey hand his brow, And fast his eyes are scaled; one cold embra In thy unvielding arms, steals all his strength: Drinks all his breath, and stills his heart toroxon The last adieu is spoken, and the tongue That knew but loving words can speak no more knowing that it has, at every stage, been charac-The last warm pressure of the hand is given. terized by the most conservative moderation and Its pulses are congealed; the last fond look Has ended, with the fading light of life, And for that bourne whence no one can ret The spirit freed has left a mourner here A stricken wife and mother; hear her ere Father in Heaven, it cannot, cannot be That he, the treasured of my heart is gone Life of my life, how can I still exist Be patient, Father, for my spirit bleeds-E'en now methinks I hear him at the door Vibrates on chords responsive to the sc Delusive memory! fondly cherished dream Nor voice, nor footsteps, ever greet my ear Each weary hour, as oft in times gone by. To watch his coming: yet I know 'tis vain Despairingly, I turn to meet the gaze Of childish faces, sadly fixed on mine.

Teach me to cherish all of happiness A life so desolated, yet may bring."

For the National Fra.

As from their little hearts the query spring

Thou knowest, oh God, how bitter is my lor

To live, yet wish to die; to almost feel

All other ties, that bind me to the earth

NOTES FROM A "GRANITE" HILL TOP. DEAR FRIEND: Shall I "drop in," now and over life and property, regulated only by the then, from my Mountain House, and spend a uncontrolled will of vindictive and irresponsible cosy moment with the readers of the Era? men-a system under which life was taken and sad wreck of some of those scenes that bewitch- and extermination of whole settlements threat The storm-god has visited us harshly. We are the sanction and authority of the Federal "up to our elbows" in snow piles. Old father the President, and all based upon the fact that "Washington" looks like the very Monarch of a man encouraged, perhaps aided, by his friends,

with life and spirits, made his appearance. The Professor attentively observed the effect of Ferdinand's salutation upon Carolini, and of tissue paper, and merely meant to look of that madam might find me and source. So that madam might find me and source and tell me to prepare to meet my new mistress; but Mr. Hewitt, for the sake of what he called the joke, left me in ignorance, shire now submits. Dough is doomed. And to discuss the themes of this Mr. woe to all the machinations of Despotism that Brave man, art thou! Brave, to stand up so to show, that I shall enjoy a seat and a steadily against the combined "fire" of enemies on the floor of the House, I am willing patient-

stance is quite as respectable, and of quite as ment is misstated as to the facts of its origin much importance to the cause of Freedom, as and progress, and that all we have done in this that in his case. Should I beg pardon for this

lack of reverence? Glorious Pen! Be it mine to honor that. Truly said Howitt, of noble old Milton, when

truly did he say, "Milton's Pen was worth a thousand Swords." Excuse this little episode. Nothingism, and "pitches into it" quite spunkily-no doubt honestly. So, too, come the shots from other points of the compass. I am "the pitiless peltings" of so many sharp critics. and straight, so much the better! By all means,

The course of the Era will not please ever matter? Mother! what ails abominably—I had spoiled his domestic peace for he did not know how long. That I had I trust, find the right track again. So of its

> us, it assumes a mild and liberal type. In some other States, possibly, it may be rampant for means, guard well the "citadel of Liberty. Let us all be generous, wise, and hopeful. Let no hand be manacled, no lip locked. Let the Press be free—free and fearless in utterance.

more tender hearts than theirs. He did not let the Era "deal gently with the erring," yet faithfully. No whim of ours should drive us from it. Why should we forsake it? It will "Dear Valley, let me go on and tell this live-it must live-standing, with an unbowed

Let us all go trustingly to work, and keep at

zealously, sincerely, for the Great Cause, let

us always grant it ample "elbow-room," and

He now walked through all the rooms, and arefully inspected every article, while his houghts ran thus:

"Will it please her thus? Will she find it common and make the same of son down and quell "agitation," to curb the invincible spirit of the People, has not been matched since "Dame Partington," according to Sidney Smith, undertook to mop back and quell the enraged Atlantic!

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GOV. REEDER IN REPLY TO THE PRESIDENT.

To the Editor of the N. Y. Tribune: Sin: The Special Message of the President of the United States, communicated yesterday to Congress, assails not only myself personally, but also my constituents, whom inclination as well as duty imperiously demands of me to justify and protect. Entirely satisfied as I am with the course adopted, up to this time, by the people of Kansas-convinced that it has been dictated by a desire to preserve the peace, the reputation, and the glory of our country-

laudable regard for the rights of others-having seen at every step the plainest manifestation of the anxious desire to avoid even the semblance of encroachment or aggression, I should be false to every manly impluse and every sense of duty, if I allowed the aspersions of the Mes-

sage to pass unnoticed. Unless the Message shall incite and stimulate new invasions of our Territory and fresh outrages upon our citizens, it will produce to us no regret, as it has caused no surprise. After having seen our people trampled on, oppressed, and robbed, on the one hand by the invaders of their soil, and on the other by the influence, the authority, and the officers of the present Administration; after having witnessed the cold-blooded murder of an unarmed and unoffending citizen by an officer of the Administration, who is not only unmolested by the laws and unrebuked by the President who appointed him, but who has, perhaps, strengthened his official tenure and enhanced his chances of promotion by the act, it is not at all surprising that we should, by the head of that Administra tion, be misrepresented and perverted. After having seen the Chief Magistrate, during five organized invasions of our Territory, unmoved by a single sympathy in favor of an unoffending people, innocent of all wrong, and laboring only to carry out faithfully for themselves the doc trine of self-government, and to build up and extend the greatness of our country-after hav ing seen our invaders coming upon us armed (without reproof, if not with official permission) rom the contents of the Arsenals of the United States, establishing a system of martial law

precepts and examples of all the great men of the country for the last fifty years-of the legisla tion of Congress and the action of the Executive ecutive Department, it is to be regretted the President did not consult before the delivery of fourteen Senators of the United States hole llegality, and treason, again and again; and that the rank and noxious weed has ever success, proceed to the minor and secondary task of vindicating myself in such a manner, I

advised and unfortunate.

As to the discussion in the Message of the points involved in the contested seat, I shall House is the sole constitutional judge of the qualifications of its own members, I trust that the minds of members may be kept open and facts of the case; and that whether the dis involved has been made because they were incidental to another subject, or aimed and intended to prejudge my claim, I hope in either

itated length. Its object is only to solicit from ment as to the position and action of our peo ple, as to my right to a seat, and as to the charges against me in the Message, until I can be heard. Very repectfully, yours,

A. H. Reeder.

This hasty note has swelled to an unpremed

Washington City, January 25, 1856.

New York .- The State Central "Republican" Committee, at their meeting last week in the city of New York, resolved that two delegates from each Congressional district of the State and four delegates at large should be appointed to attend the "Republican" Convention at Pitts burgh, on the 22d of February, and forthwith

asserance "Yes, yes, it was I that was wronged! it was ond year, it became necessary to put her under come very near it. Not they! Thank New tion was adopted, presenting the Hon. Garrett Hampshire, then, for sending John P. Hale Davis, of Kentucky, to the American party of destial election of 1844, about three millions of Totes were thrown—from one hundred and fifty thousand of them by holders in other words, the disproportion be
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A DECADE OF THE SLAVE POWER.

No. 3. With the rapid increase in the number of slaves, there had kept pace, step by step, the | Speakers of the House 11 development of a wide disparity, in position and in character, between two classes of whites in the Southern States. The comparatively small number who held bondmen became a compact and well-organized aristocracy, bandon sinking deeper and deeper into the condition of ignorant, spiritless, and dependent serfs. The slaveholders and the property-holders were identical, of course; because, even if a man made his fortune from a small beginning, convenience and ambition would both prompt him to become a slaveholder, as soon as he was Missouri was wrought into a spasm not unlike able. Monopolizing the property, the slaveholders, of course, all but monopolized the mental culture. They could command books and masters for themselves and their children, of "Americanus" and "La Salle," in a series which the mass of people around them could of communications to the Missouri newspapers. not do; and as to any system of universal edu- widely republished in the Southern States, arcation, conducted at the public expense, as in the Northern States, that was out of the question, on account of the division of the territory into large plantation estates, even if the class for men; 3. The insecurity and depreciation of which held the purse-strings had not esteemed it to be their interest to keep their neighbors Washington. President Jackson instructed Mr. prinstructed, so as to keep them contented and Poinsett, then Minister in Mexico, to offer four powerless in their abject position. The poor or even five millions of dollars for the purchase

it insults and oppresses us. Sedulously using the arts which every Oligerchy seems thorougha sharp lesson, if they show signs of contuma-cy. What shall the poor non-slaveholders do, but vote the privileged class into power, just as the power power, just as of Texas was established. often as election day comes round? They have from among themselves. Incapable of inde-

So those who represent in public station the Author of "One Year of Wedlork," "The Bride of Omburg, six or seven millions of free people in the fifteen of the two hundred and ninety six in the esent it. With such a strength of its own in erants for Federal office must bow down to it, some recognised service, or they would be got nominated by the President, or y the Senate. Twenty-odd thouective neighborhoods, or be prepared go quietly home. wire-pullers at the Conventions hint that